crossings, and Mr. Dawson promised to attend to the matter.

Council went into committee of the whole, Ald. Becher in the chair. Clauses 1 and 2 passed.

The Engineer explained, in regard to clause 3, that unless the sewer was constructed by the means proposed no sewer could be placed there until the expiration of two years.

Clause 3 read. Ald. Cowan moved an amendment that Picton street be substituted for Wellington. Carried.

Mayor Hyman raised a point of order that the matter go to No. 1, and the chairman ruled accordingly.

In connection with clause 4 Ald. Hunt raised a point of order.

Ald. Hyman moved the suspension of the rule of order. Carried.

Clause 5 carried. Committee rose and reported. Report adopted as amended.

### FIRST REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman.

1 Payment of the following accounts :

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| Election expenses | $ 195 50 |
| Scrutineers, Free Library bylaw | 112 00 |
| City Gas Company | 2,049 31 |
| Fire Department | 358 37 |
| Court House and Jail expenses | 1,026 67 |
| Repairs | 39 22 |
| Board of Works, pay sheet | 60 45 |
| Total | $4,192 52 |

2. Progress in the petitions of Finlay McNeil and others, H. E Nelles, Southam & Brierley, J. H. Flock, M. J. Kent, E. C Christie, Wm. Hawkins and J. R Flock.

3 That the petition of Jessie McEwen re political and municipal franchise to women be filed.

4. That the petition of I. Williams for remission of sewer rate wrongly assessed be granted.

5 That the petition of Jabez Harwood for rebate of taxes on account of vacant house be filed, your Committee having no jurisdiction.

6. Petitions of David Carter, W. H. and C. R. Smith and Stoneman & Co. for reduction of assessment be filed, committee having no power.

7. That the petition of Mrs McDiarmid to be allowed to pay taxes for 1883 and arrears of taxes against the property in monthly or quarterly instalments be filed, committee having no jurisdiction.

8. That petitions of M. E. Cudmore and Mrs. Brown for tax remission be not granted

9. That a telephone be placed in the Treasurer's office.

10. That the Committee be authorized to make an estimate of the city's proportion of liability in cost of administration of justice and Court House and jail expenditure in view of a change in the agreement with the county of Middlesex as this joint liability.

11. Progress in petitions of J. B. Flock and others, re street watering.

12. That the petition of R. S. Holmes and Isaac Williams, for reduction in income assessment for 1883, be filed, committee having no power.

Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the clauses 1 to 10 inclusive, with the exception of clause 3. Passed.

Ald. Cowan moved, and Ald. Beattie seconded, that clause 3 be amended, and that this Council give their support to the cause of woman's rights. Lost. Yeas and nays called for.

Yeas—Cowan, Beattie and Stringer.

Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Hewitt, Scarrow, Niven and Becher.

Clause 11 read. Ald. Hunt moved that the account be paid less the deduction.

Amendment—Ald. O'Meara and Cowan—That the account be paid, less the deduction for breakages of hydrants. Lost. Original motion carried.

Clause 12 passed. Adoption of the report moved. Ald. Scarrow raised a point of order in regard to clause 9, and read rule 84 in support of it.

Alderman Becher moved that the clause be amended by adding at a cost of $37 50.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment that it be referred to No. 2 committee. Ald. Stringer seconded. Lost. The motion carried. Report as amended adopted

### REPORT OF THE BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman—Your committee would report that they met the committee from the County Council but could not arrive at a decision. The County Council have since taken action, and passed the following resolution :

"That Messrs. R. Dreaney, John Nixon and the Commissioner be a committee to arrange with the proper authorities of the city of London as to the manner in which the approaches to bridges between the county and city are to be repaired.

"That Messrs. R. Dreaney, J. Nixon, A. Sharpe, S. McLeod, A. Robinson, S Gibb and the Chairman of the Board be a committee to act in conjunction with a committee of the city of London for the erection of the Kensington bridge, and recommend said bridge to be a wooden, Howe truss built on two stone abutments and one pier, substantially built from the foundation, and if the city refuse to accept the above recommendation that the committee be authorized to proceed in conjunction with the city to build the bridge in accordance with the award made and the plans and specifications prepared for the erection of said bridge.

"That the committee named above be authorized to act in conjunction with the city of London in making the necessary repairs to the Oxford street bridge, with power."

Your committee would recommend that a special committee, consisting of the members of No 2 Committee, Alds Birrell, Becher, Hunt and His Worship the Mayor, be appointed, with power to arrange all matters respecting the bridges between the city and county. Report adopted.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

Reeve of London West—Hoping that the City Council would actively co-operate with the council for the erection of the bridge. Bridge Committee.

### WEIGH SCALES.

Ald. Beattie moved, Ald Hunt seconded, that the clause in regard to the weigh scales be reconsidered.

A point of order was raised. Ald. Cowan moved, Ald. Beattie seconded, that the rules of order be suspended Carried.

Ald. Hunt moved the adoption of the original clause, and that in case Mr. McIntosh refused to take a new lease, that the committee have power to ask for tenders and accept the highest satisfactory one Carried.

### BYLAWS.

To amend the bylaw for levying taxes in the city of London. Bylaw read a first time. Third reading moved.

Ald. Becher explained that the object was to change interest on all unpaid taxes after the 5th of February He moved the blanks be filled in, and the bylaw passed.

Ald. Scarrow moved that the bylaw be referred back to No. 1 Committee to report back at the next meeting of the Council

Ald. Stringer moved that the 1st of April be inserted Ald. Hunt seconded The amendments were lost.

Ald. Hunt then moved another amendment that the time be extended to the 15th of February. Ald. Niven seconded. Carried.

The bylaw was read a second and third time and passed.

A bylaw appointing the auditors was read three times and passed.

Bylaw appointing members for a Court of Revision was read and passed.

Bylaw appointing members of a Board of Health was read and passed.

### MOTIONS.

The Chairman of No. 1 was, on motion, authorized to sign checks in the Mayor's absence.

Moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Becher, that No. 1 prepare a bylaw for the appointment of free library trustees. Carried.

Ald. Niven moved that the appointment of a second health inspector be referred to the Board of Health. Carried.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Ald. Hewitt—I hereby give notice that I will at the next meeting move for the appointment of a committee consisting of the Mayor, Ald. Birrell, O'Meara, Beattie and myself, for the purpose of conferring with the authorities for the building or constructing of a convenient number of underground or overhead bridges over the railroad, so as to prevent the great inconvenience and annoyance to the residents of the southern portion of the city on account of the crossings being blocked as at present.

Council adjourned.